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For

CONTROL SYSTEM TO AUTOMATICALLY

CONTROL VEHICLE HEADLAMPS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

# SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing date of the above-referenced application but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents with consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language document:

WO 99/47396 discloses a system for detecting condensation on a windshield and for controlling vehicle headlamps. The particular pertinence of WO 99/47396 is readily apparent from the English language Abstract and the drawings.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

It is not believed a fee is due at this time, however, if there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 07-1070.

Respectfully submitted,

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